deavor, is taking an active part in the correspondence. Address Mrs. W. C. Perry, Ashland, O.

Eld. E. L. Yoder, Falls City, Neb., sends the names of Mistresses, Savilla Maust, Lydia Sayler, Harriet Kimmel, Anna Lichty, Elizabeth Lutz, Lydia Lehman, and Misses Kate Stump and Mollie Myers, "as *some* of our sisters, suitable for officers in S. C. E. of the Brethren Church." That looks cheerful.

Sarah Keim, Treasurer, writes me a proposed constitution. It is a good one. Thank you, sister. If all were to do the same, each one would be acceptable.

Those wishing to correspond with our Treasurer, address Mrs. Josiah Keim, Louisville, O. She will be pleased to answer you.

Miss Sarah Cobaugh, of Johnstown, in a letter to me: "I do not have any suggestions to make as the work is entirely new to me, but anything I can do for you just command and I will willing obey." That is kind and means work.

Mary Garber, Cor'y Sec., writes me: "When we find our friends aroused and enthused in a good work, the enthusiasm becomes contagious and we are encouraged to put forth greater efforts. This is a noble work that our sisters have entered upon, and it needs the support of all. Although it is a great undertaking and will require much time and labor to reach perfection, I do not see why we should not accomplish much good. It is our hope to organize properly and reach perfection. For when anything is organized rightly the battle is half won."

You are correct and that is what we mean to do, if time, labor, ability and grace permit.

M. M. Sterling.

Masontown, Pa.

### The Publishing House.

Bro. Beer desires to know what the committee is doing about the purchase of the Evangelist and the establishment of a Publishing House under the direct auspices of the church, as directed by the late Ashland convention. Brethren J. D. McFaden and Josiah Keim and the writer were appointed that committee. I can only speak for myself, not having been in conference with the other members of the committee since we left Ashland.

The action of the convention was based on a resolution in favor of the plan reported by Bro. Holsinger in which the location of such Publishing House should be determined by and in favor of the congregation or town that raised the greatest amount of money as a donation to the enterprise, by Thanksgiving day, Nov. 24th, past.

Bro. McFaden gave notice early in October that the committee was ready to receive bids in such competition. As far as my knowledge extends there has been none reported.

If memory serves me well, Bro. Holsinger was sanguine that this plan would secure the necessary means to purchase with and make the transfer practicable, and said in his arguments in its favor, "that there are brethren who are able and willing to donate liberally to the Publishing house fund, that will not give any more to the College."

The convention seemed enthused and highly elated over the prospect for a publishing house to be owned and run under the auspices of the general Brotherhood, and adopted the plan possibly, with more enthusiasm than true knowledge upon which to base hope. At all events this financial part of the plan has failed through causes over which the committee had no control. We thought best not to make a purchase in which we would involve the church in an additional debt of seven or eight thousand dollars, not seeing how or when it will be paid. To borrow money with which to purchase and fit up a publishing house is no better. So our hands are tied; we must buy a jumbo or buy nothing, much as we desire that the Brethren as a body may own a publishing house. Possibly other brethren can solve financial problems like this better than I.

A. Pearson.

North Star, Ohio, Dec, 3rd,

### Pleasant Hill, Ohio.

On Friday morning, Dec. 9th, I boarded the train at Ashland for the Valley to fill Bro. Mason's appointments there. After the usual ride I landed at Miamisburg in time for dinner, stopping with Bro. Neible who lives in town. In the evening we went to the school house where Bro. Mason has been preaching, and where he organized a Brethren church last summer. The congregation had been disappointed a time or two, and it was feared the congregation would be very small as the night was very dark too. But to our surprise a good congregation greeted us and we had a splendid meeting. The new church house will soon be completed, and then the Brethren will be better prepared to accommodate the people, and the bright prospects of this church will no doubt be realized then.

On Saturday morning, Dec. 10, I came to Pleasant Hill, to fill Bro. Mason's appointments also. My acquaintance with the brethren here was limited, though I had preached for them once during the past summer. But one need not mingle with them long until he realizes that they are congenial spirits, which makes one feel right at home with them. I preached for them on Saturday evening, and on Sunday, and on Sunday evening. On Saturday evening I gave the usual invitation and one dear brother came out, and on Sunday afternoon we gathered at the river side, and baptized him.

I had received a very urgent call from the brethren at Warsaw, Ind., before I left home, to come and assist them in a protracted meeting which they had in progress, but in as much as I had promised to fill Bro. Mason's appointments I could not go at the time they named, and as their telegram informing me to come as soon as I could, did not reach me for several days, the brethren here decided I should stay and preach for them a few days, as the felling and the interest seemed to point toward a good meeting. Up to this present writing no more have come out, but the meetings are going on with the house full every night, and an increasing interest. What the harvest will be God only knows, but the prospects certainly are good.

On Monday I assisted at the funeral of brother and sister Shaffer's little five year old daughter, which had been a severe sufferer for about one year, with a disease that baffled the physicians, and which finally developed into dropsy, and thus ended the little sufferer's life. The funeral was largely attended and the sorrowing friends, especially the family have the sympathy of this community in this their sorrow. There was also a funeral near here on Sunday, of a girl who left a lighted lamp fall which ignited her clothes and burned her so severely that she lived only a few hours. She was a daughter of Henry Deeter, of Covington, O.

Isaac Kilhefner.

### The Future of the Evangelist.

As to what shall be the future of the recognized church organ concerns the church in general. Those acquainted with the work of the late convention remember that the decision was that the church contributing the largest amount of money towards the purchase of the paper could have the same located some where within the boundaries of such church. The time limited for this competition was Thanksgiving day. As we have not heard of any church having raised any considerable amount we take for granted that there has been nothing done practically to remove the paper from Ashland, hence it will naturally remain where it now is and Ashland may be considered the banner church. Because the paper remains at Ashland is no reason why the wish of the convention shall not be carried out concerning the management. The present editor has openly declared this to be his wish and has offered his chair to the duly elected editor. This certainly shows that Bro. Garber has the good of the church and the success of the Evangelist at heart, and opens the way grandly to carry out the desires of a very large portion of the church. It is a generally admitted fact that Ashland should continue to be the church centre, for reasons too well known to need mentioning. It is generally conceded that Bro. Beer, the editor-elect, will be the right man for the place. His assistant (to be) is not slow with the pen, or tongue; and the board of directors or managers are men that command the respect and confidence of the church generally, hence my hope and humble advice is that the wish of the Brethren in convention assembled be carried into effect as soon as it is practicable to do so.

Jacob C. Cassel.

1207 Columbia Av., Phila., Pa

### From Maria, Pa.

Recently I attended a series of meetings held in New Enterprise, conducted by E. B. Shaver, of Va. I found him a pleasant and genial brother and an excellent worker. Heard him preach and saw him baptize some applicants and confirm them in the house after meeting same evening. This is the way our Missionary Baptist Brethren do in England, and, in fact, we see no Scripture against the same—rather in favor, and certainly the rite can be received in a better degree of appreciation on the part of administrator and applicants. Where credit belongs, give it, as Christ rendered to Cæsar what belonged to him and paid taxes to the proper authority. Let us copy after him as an exhorter. Bro. Shaver has few equals and his power of stick-to-a-tiveness is a great part of the battle. Surely he would increase the membership of Pa. churches were he to come oftener. A point or two is in waiting for him above Enterprise a few miles. Doubtless he knows where. Pure evangelical doctrinal preaching is sure of some success.

We were pleased to see that twelve made the confession by a public avowal before the world at large, and one was received who formerly had received a trine action of baptism by a sister church. Many were the rejoicings and no doubt that the church is spiritually enlivened and encouraged to press onward and upward despite the frowns and coldness of others and in anticipation of a glorious reunion on the other shore where petty differences are not observed; for we never read of a Methodist or Lutheran or Reformed or Church of God or Baptist or Dunkard or Progressive ever getting to heaven. 'Tis only those that "do his will"—Matt. 7: 21, 22. And "the Lord knoweth them that are his." Away with denominationalism; let us have union "That they all may be one." John 17th chapter—please read all of it. If we follow our Lord, it must be not alone our prayer, but our earnest, sincere and acknowledged aim and desire, for which we labor and wait and pray. May God hasten the day when we shall see as we are seen, and know as we are known and the devil can be turned out, excommunicated from the church, for he now is an active worker. Who says nay, verily?

H. P. Brinkworth.

### Jones Mills, Pa.

On Thursday morning, Dec. 1st, I started for the Trent church, in Somerset Co., Pa. Arrived safe and commenced meeting same evening. There were several protracted meetings within a few miles of us yet we had pleasant meetings. Continued to meet and preach for them up to Tuesday evening. On Wednesday morning, started for home. John H. Knepper, the regular pastor took charge of the meeting which was still continued. On my way home I stopped at the hospitable home of Sister Musselman, near Somerset town. Found her and her little family well, but broken hearted on account of the sad affliction they passed through lately of which the readers of the Evangelist have hitherto been informed. Tears fill their eyes while they related to me their sad affliction and the loss they sustained in being bereft of a kind husband and father and a loving daughter and sister. We truly sympathize with this bereaved family. I hope and pray that they may ever look to him who has promised to be a husband to the widow and father to the children for help.

Arrived safe home, found our little family well. Same evening in company with Sister Baker, wife and I went down to Mr. Cramer's, in order to lend a helping hand and to speak a word of comfort, on their return from the burial of one of their dear children, one of whom Christ said, of such is the kingdom of heaven. We with the family and a few others had one of the best little prayer meetings I ever enjoyed, although little Georgie was absent, God's spirit was with us and we felt that the religion of Jesus was the only source of comfort we had.

In conclusion we sang how pleasant thus to dwell below in fellowship and love, etc.

Stephen Hildebrand.

## OUR CHURCH.

Successful meetings were held at Auburn, Ill., by Bro. Worst.

Several articles of correspondence were left over for want of room.

The Annual is 10 cents a copy and $1.00 per dozen. Send in your orders now.

Report of the last Ashland convention sent to any address for 20 cents per copy.

Bro. Kimmel, Deffenbaugh and a number of other students will spend next week at home.

Bro. N. A. Frame, of Elkhart, Ind., informs us that the church to which he belongs has paid its quota to the College.

Buyers of Hymnodies will please take notice that Bro. Ewing has made quite a reduction on the books for the Holidays.

Bro. J. H. Fishel has moved to Little River, Kansas, from Pueblo, Colorado. He expects to remain in Kansas during the winter.

Bro. Mason has gone and got married. Sister Bond, we know will be a help meet to him. We wish them well, and may God bless them.

Some brother sent a registered letter from Oakville, Ind., and signed our name instead of his own. Will he please send his name so that we can give him the proper credit.

Orders for Julia A. Wood's Northern Travels can now be promptly filled in all the bindings. This is an excellent book for all. It not only gives an account of her trip, but shows how an over ruling Providence cares for his faithful children.

Bro. Geo. W. DeBolt baptized two at Brown's Landing, in Pa., on the 9th instant, and three at East Riverside on the 10th. He left for Falls City, Neb., Wednesday morning the 14th. We hope the same success may attend his labors in Nebraska, as followed his labors in Pennsylvania.

Church Dedication.—No interfering Providence, the Brethren's new meeting house in the Berlin district three miles southwest of Berlin, Pa., will be dedicated to the worship of the triune God, on Sunday, Jan. 1, 1888, at 10 a. m. All are cordially invited.

John H. Knepper, Pastor.

Our worthy and esteemed sister Mary Miller, of Easton, W. Va., sends one dollar for the College, and says she hopes the sisters will all respond to the call and help to relieve the College of debt. Her daughter, Laura H. Snader, also sends $1.00 for the College. These are isolated members, but they are showing their devotion to the interests of the Brethren church, and they shall receive a reward.

Bro. Samuel Cain, of Hudson, Iowa, writes: "You can say to your many readers that Enon and Hudson churches are getting along all right and are in peace. Bro. Swihart is filling his place as pastor in a very satisfactory manner to the church." At the date of this writing, Dec. 13th, he was at Marcus, Cherokee Co., Iowa, in response to a call of a German Baptist brother, on church business. Bro. C. is selling Reports and Annuals and ordered some more, directing us to strike while the iron was hot. We struck. Are there not some more hot irons to strike?